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SETTING UP OF CYBER CAFES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up one lakh village cyber cafes in two years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cyber cafes set up so far; and
- (c) the type of facilities is likely to be made available in such cyber cafes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c): The Government has approved a Scheme for providing support for establishing 100,000 broadband, Internet enabled kiosks termed as Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural areas of the country. These Centres would be opened in the ratio of 1 CSC for every 6 Census villages in a State. These Centres would provide a mix of Government and private Services in rural areas. The Scheme is expected to facilitate the delivery of e enabled government services at the doorstep of the citizen. Further, since these centers would also be providing private services, a large number of private services in the area of agriculture, banking insurance, entertainment etc. are also expected to be provided by the operators through these CSCs. People in villages would also be able to surf the internet through these CSCs. The Scheme is to be implemented in a public private partnership. The full details of the Scheme are available in the CSC guidelines which are accessible at www.mit.gov.in.